Bermuda night heron

The **Bermuda night heron** (*Nyctanassa carcinocatactes*) is an extinct heron species from Bermuda. It is sometimes assigned to the genus *Nycticorax*. It was first described in 2006 by Storrs L. Olson and David B. Wingate from subfossil material found in the Pleistocene and Holocene deposits in caves and ponds of Bermuda. Its anatomy was rather similar to its living relative, the yellow-crowned night heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*), but it had a heavier bill, a more massive skull and more robust hind limbs. The specialization of the bill and the hind limbs showed that it was apparently adapted to the feeding on land crabs. There are also early historian reports referring to that species. It possibly became extinct due to the settlement of the Bermuda islands in the 17th century. On Bermuda the aforementioned yellow-crowned night heron has been introduced to act as its equivalent in the ecosystem.

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Conservation status	
Extinct (IUCN 3.1)[1]	
Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Class:	Aves
Order:	Pelecaniformes
Family:	Ardeidae
Genus:	*Nyctanassa*
Species:	***N. carcinocatactes***
Binomial name	
Nyctanassa carcinocatactes Olson & Wingate, 2006	
Synonyms	
Nycticorax carcinocatactes	

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